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SUBJ: DPC MEETING OCT 9: PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE DUTY FAN

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AT DPC MEETING FOLLOWING NAC ON OCT 9 PERMREPS APPROVED PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE DUTY FAN, INCORPORATING US MODIFICATION. TURKISH REP (ERALP) ASKED FOR RATIONALE FOR US DELETING REFERENCE TO PARTICIPATING NATIONS IN NAVOCFORMED. US REP (MCAULIFFE) EXPLAINED THAT THE NAMES OF PARTICIPATING NATIONS, WHICH WOULD HIGHLIGHT THE WITHDRAWAL AND NON-PARTICIPATION OF GREECE IN THE EXERCISE, ARE NEITHER NECESSARY NOR DESIRABLE. TURKISH REP SAID HE FELT THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ELIMINATION OF PARTICIPATING NATIONS WOULD ONLY DRAW MORE ATTENTION TO WITHDRAWAL OF GREEK FORCES FROM THE EXERCISE. TEST OF PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWS.

BEGIN QUOTE:

ADMIRAL MEANS JOHNSTON, JR., U.S. NAVY, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, ALLIED FORCES SOUTHERN EUROPE (CINCSOUTH), TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE NINTH ACTIVATION OF THE NATO NAVAL ON-CALL FORCE MEDITERRANEAN (NAVOCFORMED) WILL TAKE PLACE IN NAPLES, ITALY, ON FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 1974.

THE NAVAL VESSELS REPRESENTING PARTICIPATING NATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION WILL OPERATE TOGETHER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH IN EXERCISE "DUTY FAN".

THE EXERCISE IS DESIGNED TO PRACTICE AND TEST NATO NAVAL PROCEDURES IN DEFENCE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA. THE SHIPS WILL CONDUCT A VARIETY OF NAVAL MANOEUVERS IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN INCLUDING FORMATION, REPLENISHMENT AND ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE. AS DURING PREVIOUS ACTIVATIONS THE SHIPS WILL ALSO VISIT PORTS IN NATO NATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

THE COMMANDER OF NAVOCFORMED FOR EXERCISE "SUTY FAN" IS COMMANDER J.P. GUNNING RN UK NAVY WHO ALSO COMMANDS HMS JUPITER. HE WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO ADMIRAL GIOVANNI CICCOLO, ITALIAN NAVY, COMMANDER ALLIED NAVAL FORCE SOUTHERN EUROPE (COMNAVSOUTH) WHO WILL CONDUCT THE NAVOCFORMED EXERCISE.
END QUOTE.MCAULIFFE

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